Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 18 May 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 19 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 14:43 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cloudy weather on Thursday with some light rain, then dry with sunny spells on Friday. Lower confidence on details over the weekend.

Headline for Thursday 18 May 2023: Mostly cloudy. A little rain towards West Coast, extending east in afternoon. Dry, brighter evening. Fresh winds on the tops and feeling cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 18 May 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals
Precipitation probability							
40%	30%	30%	20%	40%	60%	20%	10%

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Weather: Mostly cloudy with patchy light rain and drizzle, mostly affecting hills near to West Coast during the morning, extending eastwards across many ranges during the afternoon. Dry, brighter weather will follow from the west in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% in west of area, 70% in east.

Low cloud and visibility: Generally good visibility in east of area and occasional cloud cover about 700 to 800m with the main cloud canopy above the summits. Clouds more extensive in the west of area, bases lower down the hills with misty conditions and poor visibility in rain and drizzle.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	30/37 SW	30/36 SW	31/38 SW	32/39 SW	33/41 SW	23/31 SW	21/28 SW	21/27 SW	22/29 SW
900	28/34 SW	28/35 SW	31/38 SW	30/38 SW	32/40 SW	22/30 SW	21/27 SW	20/26 SW	20/27 SW
600	19/26 SW	20/27 SW	21/28 SW	21/29 SW	23/32 SW	18/26 SW	17/24 SW	14/21 SW	14/21 SW
300	6/24 SW	7/25 SW	8/26 SW	7/27 SW	9/30 SW	7/24 SW	8/24 SW	5/20 SW	5/20 SW
Glen	7/17 SW	9/20 SW	11/23 SW	14/26 SW	13/25 S	9/19 SW	11/20 SW	8/17 SW	8/19 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	5/-2	6/-0	6/1	4/-2	3/-2	3/-3
900	5/-1	5/-1	5/-1	6/-0	6/1	6/2	5/-0	4/-1	4/-2
600	7/2	7/2	7/2	8/3	8/4	8/4	7/3	6/2	6/2
300	8/6	8/6	8/6	9/7	9/7	9/8	10/9	9/8	8/7
Glen	10/9	10/8	10/8	11/8	11/9	12/10	13/11	11/10	11/9
Freezing Level*	2200m	2300m	2300m	2200m	2300m	1900m	1500m	1500m	1400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling unseasonably cold at higher elevations due to combination of fresh winds and single figure temperatures.

Forecast for Friday 19 May 2023
Weather: A dry and brighter day across the Northwest Highlands with sunny spells. It will become cloudy later in afternoon and evening.

Maximum wind: Southwest winds with average speeds of 15 to 20mph and gusts 30mph on the tops.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% reducing 40% during evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Very good visibility with patches of cloud about 700 to 800m. Clouds will become more extensive later in the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 Celsius at dawn rising to 15 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: 1400m

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